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President's Letter

Kathy Metzenbauer

Dear WEAFCFS Members:

WEAFCS/NEAFCS Awards Banquet:

Thank you to all who attended the recent Awards banquet in Wisconsin Rapids. It was a huge success thanks to all who planned it – Southern District, Marma McIntee, Past President, and Annette Larie, Awards Chair. Congratulations to the award winners listed in the Awards and Recognition Chair report. It was wonderful to celebrate our success. Please put on your calendars to fill out the paperwork for awards for next year.

NEAFCS National Meeting:

Thanks to Marilyn Herman for spearheading the work with our colleagues from Minnesota and Illinois in planning the national meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to work on various committees. We will keep you up to date with all the details.

PILD Conference:

Marilyn Herman and I will be leaving for Washington D.C. on April 22 for the Public Issues Leadership Development Conference. We will be meeting with members of WECEC and our legislatures to discuss current issues. A big thank you to the colleagues who responded by sending pictures and details of the important work you are doing. We will put together a Power Point presentation that you can use with your local stakeholders.

Conclusion:

From recent discussions about RBC and from the department meeting, most of us are struggling with the balance in our lives. We do work very hard to make impact in our communities. Please take time to prioritize, say “no” politely and get back the balance so you don't burn out.

Awards & Recognition Committee

Annette Larie, Chair

Many thanks to all WEAFCS members who applied (or submitted nominations) for awards and recognition. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. We applaud your successes and encourage continued sharing of them.

Eleven award applications were reviewed. The following were recognized at the JCEP Conference WEAFCS banquet in Wisconsin Rapids on March 29th, 2006.

WEAFCS Awards

- Marlys Richert “Rookie of the Year”- Joan Laurion
- Mid-Career Award-Linda Culligan Bruce
- First-Timers Award (Awarded June, 2005)- Kathleen Hetzel

NEAFCS Awards

- Distinguished Service Awards (Received at 2005 National Meeting)
Kathleen Marie Metzenbauer
Lori Ann Zierl
- Healthy Lifestyle Education Grant-Lori Ann Zierl and Team Members:
Dianne Weber (Internal); Jennifer Berna, Janet Nelson, Keven Syverson (External)
- Florence Hall – Lori Ann Zierl
- Program Excellence Through Research-Jennifer B. Caravella
- Educational Curriculum Package Award-Dianne Gravesen Weber and Team Member: Karen Krause Hintz (Internal)
- Television- Joan E. LeFebvre
- Television- Jenny Wehmeier and Team Members:
Kathleen Eisenmann (Internal), Daniel McCrea; United Way (External)

Best of luck to all national nominees.

Special thanks to the Awards & Recognition committee members whose hard work throughout the year, and especially with banquet preparation, is essential and greatly appreciated.

This committee is dedicated to recognizing your valuable contributions and strives to find the best way to accomplish this. Your feedback is welcome and appreciated. All suggestions received thus far are agenda items for our next committee meeting. We encourage you to apply (or nominate another) for available awards. Please remember to nominate those community partners whose contributions are vital to our success for the special “Friend” and “Volunteer” awards.

Vice President / Editor

Jenny Wehmeier

The WEAFCFS web site is undergoing many new and exciting changes. If you have not viewed the site in some time, you are missing out! By visiting <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/weafcs/> you can access a number of documents that you may find useful.

First, visit the calendar at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/weafcs/calendar.html> to locate the times and dates of committee wislines, executive board meetings, and other important dates. If you would like to submit dates for the calendar, please feel free to email them to me!

Second, learn more about awards and recognition by visiting <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/flp/weafcs/award.html>. The WEAFCFS First Timers Grant is due on June 1st for those who have not attended a national conference. Information on all other awards are being updated for the upcoming year. It is never too early to get started on your application for next year!

Last, visit <http://www.neafcs.org/> to learn more about the upcoming National Meeting in Denver this fall. Conference details, tours, and hotel information is all available on line now!

Please submit any changes or suggestions regarding the web site to me at your earliest convenience.

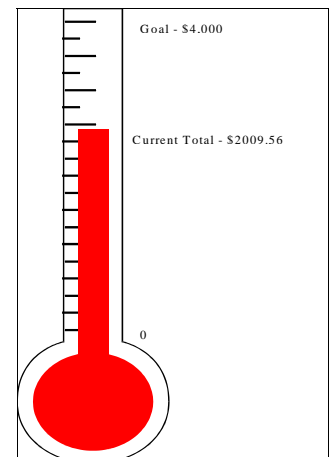
Annual NEAFCE Meeting 2007

Wisconsin is working with both Illinois and Minnesota in planning the 2007 NEAFCS conference to be held September 17-20 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Each state will provide funding for a variety of special events, such as the Friendship Event. State Program Leader, Laurie Boyce has committed \$10,000 from Family Living Programs and our Association has an additional \$2009.56 which has come from the two auctions (Dollar and Silent) held at JCEP last month, WEAFCFS reception basket raffles from last year and this year and the Living Well Award. At the annual business meeting, members voted to take \$4000 from our treasury to support the 2007 National conference.

Special thanks to all Association members who contributed items for the JCEP silent auction, the dollar auction and the raffle baskets. Additional thanks to all who bought items and raffle tickets. Our raffle raised \$128 which will be used for the 2007 national meeting.

Congratulations to Nancy Crevier, Jane Jensen, and Laurie Boyce for winning a lovely basket of goodies from the raffle.

Mary Fran, Treasurer



Our Association is well on the way in fundraising efforts to reach the \$4000 mark for the 2007 national meeting.

Member Resources Committee

Donna Peterson, Past Chair of the Member Resource Committee

- Total members for 2006 are 67 Active NEAFCS/WEAFCS Members.
- **We are requesting your help – Please share the good news of NEAFCS and WEAFCS with your district colleagues at your District meetings.**
- The committee invited 18 NEAFCS/WEAFCS Life members to the JCEP conference.
- Our committee is working on the 10-top reasons to be a member of NEAFCS/WEAFCS.
- Our committee will be reviewing the different types of memberships and the dues associated with them. As well as looking at the cost of participating in WEAFCS and JCEP for a year.
- NEAFCS/WEAFCS informational packets will be distributed to new Family Living Program colleagues participating in the April New Colleague Orientation.

WEAFCS Past President

From Marma McIntee

Once again, thanks to all of you for your support over the last two years as your president. I found this opportunity to be a great challenge, as I was able to learn so much more about the association and I met many new people throughout the nation. I know you will continue to give your support to our new president, Kathy Metzenbauer as we move into a most exciting time as we plan the 2007 national conference.

Attending regional and national conferences, and PILD were great learning opportunities. If you have not had the opportunity to attend a NEAFCS conference I encourage you to do so. This is an opportune time to do so as we host the 2007 event. If funding is an issue for any of you, please look into professional development funds through your district, ESP, and WEAFCS awards, etc. You'll not want to miss 2007.

Please enjoy the array of great photos from the 2006 WEAFCS banquet.



“WEAFCS cheerleaders: Bev Doll, Jenny Wehmeier, Barb Duerst, and Angie Flickinger.”



"Team cheer with Coach Karen Dickrell (in red)"



"Team spirit with Donna Doll-Yogerst and Jane Jensen"



"More team spirit"



"Give me a W-E-A-F-C-S with Nancy Crevier and Mary Fran Lepeska"



"Program Leader Laurie Boyce sharing in the team spirit"



"U-RAH-RAH--WEAFCS TEAM"

WEAFCS Professional Development Committee Report

Pam Peterson, Chair of WEAFCS Professional Development Committee

Hello fellow WEAFCS Members! Jennifer Caravella's two year term as chair of the WEAFCS Professional Development Committee has come to an end and I have been "elected" as the new chair. I've been a WEAFCS member just over a year and I'm looking forward to the challenge. A HUGE thank you to Jennifer for keeping us well informed about upcoming professional development opportunities during the past two years.

Thanks also to Donna Doll-Yogerst, Angela Flickinger, Jane Jensen, Faye Malek, Peggy Nordgren, Jan Piltz, Dianne Weber and Lori Zierl for continuing to be active members of the committee. If you are interested in promoting WEAFCS professional development and would like to serve on the committee please contact me at (920) 746-2260.

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities:

Strengthening Families Program: For Parents and Youth 10-14. A two day training for facilitators will be held June 14-15, 2006, at the Holiday Inn Rothschild-Wausau. The \$175 training fee includes two full days of training, the basic training manual (which alone is valued at \$175) and lunch both days. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who need to be trained in this excellent program. A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved for the nights of June 13-14 at the Holiday Inn and will be held through May 22, 2006. Space is limited to 30, so register as soon as possible. For more information contact Nancy Kendall at 800 248-9244 or nkendall@uhs.wisc.edu.

Childhood Brain Development with Special Emphasis on Early Childhood Development and Practical Applications. The Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids, May 16th – 17th and the Waukesha County Technical College (Pewaukee), June 21st – 22nd will be the sites of a 2 day advanced training on early childhood brain development. Beginning with prenatal development, this training will cover the biology of the brain, the impact of trauma, abuse, and neglect and the behavioral outcomes; social and emotional development with an in-depth look at insecure attachment and intervention strategies; impact of poverty on the developing brain and nutrition and the brain including breastfeeding and will explore the correlation between brain development and learning, especially early learning. Registration fees are \$145. 00 and include lunch and all training materials. For more information or to receive a registration brochure contact: Jeanne Erickson @ 608-284-0580 ext 301 or through email at jerickson@wccf.org.

National Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences 2006 Annual Session & Exhibits. "Reaching New Heights" will be the theme for the 2006 NEAFCS Annual Session to be held October 3 – 6 in Denver, Colorado. As Extension professionals are expected to do more with less, the NEAFCS Annual Session will help you stay on the cutting edge of new developments with in-depth sessions such as Documenting Impacts – Choosing the Right Evaluation Tool, Elder Fraud Awareness – The CASE Partnership – Clergy Against Senior Exploitation, and Gambling Addictions. No other conference focuses on the unique challenges facing family consumer science professionals AND Extension educators. If you haven't received your registration brochure, check out the website at www.neafcs.org.



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